

REALISING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Just a few years ago, no one in Jammu and Kashmir had the slightest idea that the region would witness a colossal development transformation with many things coming to the place before going anywhere in the country. In this context, another first in the UT is its integration with the national single window system. This was made possible after LG Manoj Sinha launched the J&K single-window portal, integrating it with the national single-window system. It is pertinent to mention that 130 industrial services have been made online on a single-window system while over 160 more services would be integrated in 2022. The endeavours of the government are indicative that it is treading to strengthen the industrial ecosystem in a manner that the benefits percolate to all sections of the society. The aforesaid initiative will further the cause of 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Ease of Living' through minimum regulatory compliance burden. Through integration of J&K with the national single window system, the UT has been linked and available on a web of partnership with the domestic and foreign companies to ensure global best practices. Now global investors can apply for all their business approvals in J&K through the National Single Window System, which no one can think about a few years ago when J&K was still a state and Article 370 was the biggest hurdle in bringing development to this northernmost region of the country. For this remarkable change in J&K the credit goes to the BJP Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who envisaged all this for the betterment of the people of the region. There is not an iota of doubt that the coming days in the UT of J&K will bring peace, progress and prosperity in abundance and happiness will galore where earlier pain and suffering used to rule the roost. The way the Centre and the UT administration are working on creating a conducive atmosphere in J&K for business, the days are not far when people from other parts of the country will come to the UT for ensuring good fortune and getting jobs of their choice.

BIGGER CONSPIRACY

The matter related to blocking of handles of Chinार Corps by Facebook and Instagram is quite serious and the government should act fast to restore the same henceforth because the same are responsible for exposing lies of those acting from across the borders in Pakistan. As Facebook and Instagram are part of same company, the government should hurry in approaching the same because this is not a small thing and both these platforms cannot act arbitrarily on their whims and fancies to block a responsible organization which is doing yeoman's job by countering the misdemeanor of those who are spreading misinformation and are behind the unrest in the region. It is pertinent to mention that reports have affirmed that Facebook and Instagram have blocked the handles of Chinार Corps, the Indian Army's strategically located formation in the Kashmir valley, for over a week now and have not responded to the official communication in this regard. The Chinार Corps was playing the pivotal role of negating the lies and propaganda flowing from across the border and also to apprise people of the real situation in the Kashmir valley. Reportedly, Facebook and Instagram are not responding to the official queries in this regard which is uncael for and therefore the government should take up the matter on a higher level as such things should not be allowed to happen. Though one cannot say anything concrete about the matter unless a response is received from the company, those responsible for running these pages should take up the matter as most urgent because this could be a part of a bigger conspiracy also to impede the purpose of creating these pages by the army. There is no doubt that army being the responsible organisation can never do anything which can offend these platforms therefore the other possibility can be sabotage by rogue nation Pakistan or its stooges living within the country. If this is the case, then the Government of India should take appropriate steps to find out the culprits and take penal action because this is unacceptable and an anti-national act which is to be taken very seriously.



OFF 'D' CUFF

Now Arjun will not fight!

To establish the dharma of truth, I manifest in every age but only an Arjun can recognise me. Every avatar is different from the one before him and does something new according to the need of his age. Like Mahatma Buddha gave up the world to give a new form to detachment and non-violence which was completely different from Shri Krishna's worldly leelas. But everyone of them was evolved, meaningful, empowered and exemplary anukarniye visionary of that time.

In Satyug the fight is between poornata-apoornata perfection-imperfection, in Treta between sin and virtue, in Dwapar it is between dharma and adharma. At the time of Buddha, Ashoka fought for an arrogant war for the expansion of his reign, he won it but lost out to the truth within his heart. Now in Kaliyug it is time for strife between truth and falsehood. The facts of science have been out from the truth of the Veds and used their entire power in worldly commodities, destructive instruments, and to win over Nature. No awareness dhyana has been given to spiritual progress.

Now we are becoming little conscious of where the music of contentment has been lost. We do exhibit brotherly love, perform sacrifices with a feel of service, pray to be saved from troubles also,

only to be able to enjoy and indulge in worldly happiness, not for inner growth and for the expansion of truth. That growth, which acts in accordance to the call of time, gives inspiration for the welfare of humanity. Now the time requirement is for the establishment of truth. The strategy of non-cooperation with falsehood and cooperation with truth will have to be adopted otherwise the time will never forgive us.

Now Arjun will not fight, he is tired, fighting since ages, what was gained by fighting – humanity perished, Bharat's great glorious, prosperous culture, rich-dhishiddhi wealth & expertise finished, all great scientific seer-scientists were manish gurus, heads of states who worked according to Vidur neeti treatise of right conduct all were eradicated. The great tradition of gurusishya, the propounders of the divine weapons which operated by the power of the mind, all perished. Even respect for women did not survive, women became indulgent, and good-senses mati has eluded both men and women ever since.

O human! Whom are you to fight with and why? Arjun himself elucidated in the 1st chapter of the Geeta the terrible calamity vilhishuka and tragedy post the war: First fight the demons of your own ego, greed for positions, falsehood, and hypocrisy.

Meena Om

No Burqa controversy please

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India is a multi religious and a secular country in which various faiths live with peace and dignity as brothers and sisters. In a secular country everybody is free to dress himself or herself as he or she likes and as the religion permits and therefore everyone can dress as one likes but subject to public order and peace and tranquility. What is happening in the state of Karnataka is very unfortunate and unbecoming and it is sad that Burqa controversy has spread to different states including Delhi which it is a matter of shame and our heads hang in shame over futile and non issue of wearing or non-wearing of the Burqa by the Muslim women. No politics and controversy should be there over the wearing of Burqa by Muslim women. There should be no Hindu -Muslim issue over the wearing of Burqa. Politics over the wearing of Burqa has no place in our secular country and as such no politics should be allowed to be played over the wearing of Burqa by our Muslim sisters. It is very unfortunate and regressive that while living in the twenty first century we are only doing politics over the wearing of the Burqa by the Muslim women. Leaders say that wearing of Burqa by Muslim women is the fundamental right of Muslim women and a sign of their identity and they are free to wear it for preserving their religious rights. The Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqui has said that the educational institutions have their dress code and the students are allowed in the school in a uniform dress code and everyone has to follow and obey the school dress code. Therefore we should not politicize the issue of wearing the Burqa as it is the right of the Muslim women to wear dresses as they like and which they feel is their fundamental right. Karnataka Government has closed the schools for the three days and the matter is before the High Court and when the issue is sub-judice in a court of law the people should desist to play politics on the issue. Nothing should be done which has the potential to disturb the communal harmony in the country and the politics over the issue of the wearing or not wearing of Burqa is bound to disturb communal amity in the country and as such we should desist to politicise controversy over the wearing of the Burqa and not allow it to snowball into a major controversy to disturb the communal harmony in the multi religious country. As far as the education in the schools is concerned every school has its dress code and everyone has to obey and follow the dress code of the school if he or she is to enter and study in the school. The uniform and dress code is for fostering the sense of equality among the students belonging to various faiths and thus there should be no controversy over the dress code. It is only the narrow and selfish politicians who stoke the unnecessary controversy over the issues which have the potential to disturb the communal harmony in the country. The present controversy has already snowballed into a major controversy and has spread to different state of India and the people are taking law into their hands and it is very unfortunate and it should not happen in our multi religious country.All have to live in peace and harmony and there should be no hatred over the non issue of wearing of the Burqa and everyone is free to wear as he or she thinks fit and there should be no controversy over the wearing or not wearing of Burqa by the women belonging to the Muslim community .But as far as the education in the schools is concerned the students have to enter the schools and

study there in a proper school uniform and all should obey and follow the dress code of the schools and there is no place for the controversy over the wearing of the Burqa in our multi religious and multi cultural country and so the Burqa controversy should not be allowed to take place in the country. No religious hatred and venom should be allowed to nurture in the young minds as it is against the secular philosophy of the country. The selfish opposition leaders are inciting by the Muslim women in Karnataka in order to weaken the State BJP government and it is saying that there should be no controversy over the dress code as every school has its dress, discipline and uniform which everybody has to follow and obey for entering and studying in the school and then where from has Burqa controversy taken its birth and the political parties and leaders are vitiating the peace and communal harmony in the country by resorting to the Burqa controversy. The fact of the matter is that the ways of eating, dressing and living are the private matters of the people and everybody is free to eat as he likes and dress as per his or her choice but subject to public order and peace and tranquility. But unfortunately the Burqa controversy has been created by the selfish politicians to remain in the limelight and to distract the attention of the gullible people from the mundane things of the existence. Therefore the people should not allow themselves to be exploited by the cunning and selfish political leaders who try to stoke the flames of communal disturbance on the issue of the wearing of the Burqa. The issue of the uniform should not be allowed to grow into a controversy and vitiate the communal harmony in the country. It is no use to play with the lives of the students and future of the children as it is against the secular ethos of the country and no one should allowed to tinker with the secularism which is so dear to all of us. It is so sad and unfortunate that some politicians are raking non issues just before the elections. There should be no controversy over the wearing of the Burqa by the Muslim women as they are free to wear it except in the educational institutions where everyone has to follow the proper dress code, uniform and discipline of the school and therefore no one should be allowed to politicize the issue of the wearing of the Burqa by our Muslim sisters. It should be left to them to dress as they like and no politics should be done on the issue of wearing or no wearing of the Burqa by the Muslim women. Since we are living in a secular democracy and thus it is the duty of all of us to see that the secular tenets of the country are kept intact and so nothing should be done which will disturb the communal harmony of the country. But it is very unbecoming that some politicians and some narrow religious leaders are stoking communal disturbance by their conduct and behavior. But we should not allow them to succeed in their nefarious designs. Therefore all that we have to do is to expose such selfish and cunning leaders who are a threat to national cohesion and communal harmony. Therefore before the Burqa controversy will damage our multi religious society and disturb the communal amity in the country, we should stand up and oppose the divisionary tactic of the narrow religious and sectarian forces so that they will not succeed in their designs. Enough is enough now we should not allow ourselves to be divided and exploited by the enemies of the nation and should not allow the Burqa controversy to disturb communal harmony in the country.

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Changing perspective by social media

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Media is considered as the fourth pillar of democracy. No doubt for any democratic country it is mandatory to give all the privileges and freedom to media. Freedom of press and media is very necessary for the establishment of strong foundation of a democratic set up. But sometimes this extra freedom can be very harmful if one can't understand its role and responsibility. No doubt in this digital era media is playing very pivotal and crucial role in narrating and exposing the reality behind the curtain. Media persons work day and night in compiling the data to explore the hidden facts and figures behind the wall, but sometimes to gain the publicity and TRP many news channels generally cross their limitations. Now a days, there is a custom of debate sessions on different news channels. No doubt in these debate sessions many intellectual and expertise personality generally put their view points and ideas on different vulnerable issues. Also these debate sessions are mandatory for these news channels to gain the popularity of their channels and TRP.Because millions of viewers generally attracted towards such kind of discussion of experts and eminent personalities. But many times these news channels organize their debate over various security issues. In such debate sessions mostly retired security personalities invited for the brief discussion over some important issues. News anchor generally ask questions over very secret topic and for our future security strategies from these guests on live shows. Even these security experts explain the every minute details and facts of their experienced life and work. These things are very harmful for the security point of view of our country. As we know these live debates are available at every digital platform, even in our neighbouring countries too. These news channels mostly compare the strength of our weapons, defence equipments and other security devices with our neighbouring countries. Every minute details of weapon presented with accurate figures and with authentic statistics. No doubt these things are mandatory for creating psychological pressure in the minds of our enemies. But sidewise these things give an advance alert to our enemies. We are surrounded by the most wicked and mischievous neighbourhood countries. These neighbouring countries are always in search of such kind of secret information from our side. Our open explanation of these security facts makes things easy for their nefarious activities. Recently in Galwan valley we have confronted with such kind of problem from our neighbouring country. For many days the entire focus of our news channels was on Galbaan valley. They presented every topographical details and statistical data of our side of Galwan Valley with sketches, live videos and graphs. Even different news channels then showing the details of our important bridges, roads and other connectivity channels. It was also discussed in these news channels that what are our strength and weaknesses in that place. These things are very dangerous from our security point of view. Even during the air strike at Balakote when our captive pilot was discussing with Pak army in their custody. Our news channels were busy in presenting every minute detail of that captive pilot on every channel. He was trying to hide his personal

identity in front of them as per protocol but our news channels narrated the real location of his hometown. Recently, five Rafael jet aircrafts got inducted in Indian Air Force, and majority news channels were busy in explaining the minute to minute details of their travelling route. Even it is highlighted with videos and pictures that where we stock these aircrafts and where we use it in future. From their head to toe, the complete scanning of their every part explained by media on these news channels. Such things are very dangerous and horrible for our safety and security. Important restrictions must be imposed on media for such things. Moreover media also must understand this that it is not necessary and obligatory to present such kind of details on public platform for general public because every individual is not in real battlefield. We should behave like a responsible and patriotic citizen in this direction. Merely for TRP and publicity of once news channels we can't put the security of our nation in danger. Only permitted video clips and information from defence department be highlighted and discussed on news channels with only relevant and responsible news guests. Sometime these fabricated and self composed videos from media put mental stress and other psychological pressure on the minds of public of the country. Many new young people who are desirous to enter in defence forces change their mindset by seeing such kind of fabricated military operations and warfare consequences in news channels. These young people thought that entry in defence forces means only war with sophisticated weapons and nothing else. But in reality there are lot of avenues and adventurous charm in these security forces. Even on many burning issues of social concern the role of media is not very good and positive. During different riots and other religious intolerance activities media present the entire view in a more vulnerable and pitiful way. Deliberately various hate speeches and dialogues of antifunctional elements presented in a very fabricated and cajoled way. Recently in Delhi riots different hate speeches of different political leaders and other orthodox elements were presented in a very fabricated way with repetitive manner .These things add fuel to the fire at such occasion of volatile nature. Generally there is no debate and breaking news over the production of agriculture yields or other essential commodities of life, but ironically many days debate sessions were organised for these issues. It is a very dangerous sign for the freedom of press and media. Role of media should be constructive in nature .There are already various destructive and divisive elements in our society who are always in search of such kind of issues and weaknesses. Especially for the security and safety of nation our role must be always very positive and constructive. There is a well known saying that no news is a good news. We must follow this dictum at some important issues of security concerns. However, in various debate shows there is discussion on various religious and sentimental issues and mostly hate speeches and dialogues are widely spread ignoring the consequences of these discussions. It can create chaos and hatred among the innocent masses which must be stopped on priority basis. On watching such shows general public think that the there is great intolerance in the society. But the reality is totally different at ground level.

now even birds are avoiding recognition. The ceilings of our houses are empty and the courtyards are filled with lonely sad mourning songs. These days, in this season of spring, the spring has probably become angry with us. How many forms of literature appear on the spring? Especially in Hindi literature, the glory of spring in the poems of Nagarjuna, Nirala, Pant and Kedarnath Agrawal can be felt just by reading them, but how to face the raging spring of the earth now. In the technological virtual world, everything is reduced to the screen of television or mobile. It seems as if in future the weather will probably look good on television screens only in colours, but life will become colorless and monotonous, because it is only a moment to watch. Who waits for this kind of wind now? Now everything has become a world of virtual world and it is so full of despair and sadness that as soon as the mobile is turned off, the illusion and illusion of this virtual world ends. Whereas the spring boom of nature along with the spring windy season refreshes man and gives a new perspective to live life. Spring was once considered the king of nature and the seasons. What to name the fresh air filled with warm sunshine, changing weather and fragrance! How will our new generation, who never come out of the rooms, react to the smell of this air! It seems that in the times to come, this life will become virtual or a just-screen life. We can imagine how many

Women excelling in various fields

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The status of women's education in India has improved in last two decades significantly. Due to various reasons women's participation in remunerative work is increasing all over the world, but this is not happening in India. More women are coming out of workforce. Earlier this year news broke that for the first time in the history of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, a public sector giant, a woman has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director. Prior to this, women have also held the highest positions in some banks of the country. There are sporadic other such examples as well. All this may seem like a place that women deserve in India's workforce, but examples cited here are more the exception than rule. Just as India lags behind, many developing countries in many other respects, the position of the country is also not encouraging in terms of participation of women in workforce. Unemployment is definitely one of the major problems the country is facing. A large number of people are unemployed in the country, but the proportion of women among these unemployed people is high. Moreover, the share of women in all employed people is decreasing instead of increasing. Whether viewed from the perspective of social equality or from the perspective of human rights, the lack of proper representation of women in the country's workforce is a matter of serious concern. India that was envisioned with the country's independence, even after seventy-five years the situation does not match it. We are still lagging behind in terms of gender equality. We need not go far in search of the reasons for this disparity. The male dominated nature of the society remains and somewhere there is also a view that women are being favored by giving them their rights. However, some situations have definitely changed. In many homes, there is no distinction between boys and girls in the matter of studies. Just like boys have the freedom to choose the career of their choice, so are the girls. Now girls are also going away from home for studies and jobs. People are also giving up thinking that girls cannot work in every field. This change in attitude has given millions of young women today an opportunity to establish their feet in the field of information technology. Otherwise it was also assumed that the field of technology and technology is not for women. There are many families in the country who have not sheared the wings of daughters, they have not stopped them from moving forward and today girls from these houses are in civil service and other prestigious roles. Psychologists and behavioral scientists have repeatedly reiterated that talent does not differentiate between men and women. It has not been proven in any experiment that women are less intelligent than men, but many roles have been reported in which women have been found to perform better. There is no dearth of examples in which women have been entrusted with important responsibilities by believing in their ability and they have fulfilled it well. Considering women as weak or incompetent without any basis indicates immature thinking somewhere. This thinking is changing, but not at the pace it should be. There will be a vast improvement in the condition of women only when this thinking is also completely improved. If the participation of women in the workforce is not commensurate with their proportion in the population, it is mainly due to social reasons. It has been told in many researches and studies that for the prosperity of any country and its economy to flourish, there should be full participation of women in it. United Nations also says that gender equality is essential for sustainable development and peaceful coexistence. All progressive organizations have implemented policies of diversification and inclusion for human resources. Its purpose is to provide proper representation of all sections in the manpower and also to give opportunities to weaker ones. It has yielded good results and opportunities are increasing for women in the corporate world, but only a limited number of people can get employment in big companies and firms from the available workforce in the country, because there is not a large number of a job. The status of women's education in India has improved in the last two decades. Fertility rates have declined. For these reasons, women's participation in remunerative work has been seen to increase all over the world, but this is not happening in India. More women are coming out of the workforce than they are adding to the workforce. By the way, a decent number of women will be seen working in banks, they have a small presence at railway counters in metros and big cities, some are also flying airplanes, but women are bus conductors, taxi and auto rickshaw drivers. E-business has expanded a lot in India in the past. Men as well as women are among those who order goods sitting at home, including ready-made food. But it is never seen that there is a woman delivering the goods at home. Even in factories, whether vehicles are made there or any other material like fertilizer, the number of women is negligible. Yes, such pictures are definitely seen in which women are working in watch or mobile phone factory. But overall the number of women employed in the manufacturing sector is very less. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had issued an important order a few years back, making it mandatory for listed companies with annual sales of Rs 300 crore to have an independent woman director on the board. Apart from this, it was also mandatory to appoint a woman member, who is also an independent director, on the board of directors of the top 1000 listed companies in the country by market capitalization, but companies faced a lot of difficulties in meeting these expectations. Many companies were not ready for this and they followed this order to make ends meet, then the promoters of some companies got a leave by making a woman a director from their close relatives. This order of SEBI was to bring gender diversity in the management segment of companies, but the process of implementation of the order proved at many levels how indifferent many companies are to the participation of women in leadership as well as that such a huge In a populated country, it was not easy to find enough women to be appointed directors. Whether it is a person or a country, its success is considered in that the possibilities inherent in it emerge and these possibilities are fully utilized. If new doors are opened for women in the workforce, it will pave the way for realizing the potential inherent in all women and we will be able to take advantage of the potential in our nation's population. For this both the Government and private sector will have to come forward afresh.

problems and what kind of race we are going to leave for the future in the changing psychology. It is true that today in the world of science nothing can run without technology and it is very necessary for the new world. But in the world of literature and words, there is a need to feel the magic of spring that has come down on earth. The air will touch you and fill your new life with fragrance. Your senses and mind will swell and take you to a new world and that world will be a world of freshness and new thinking. But all this is absolutely impossible in the virtual world. There is still time to limit the virtual world as far as technology has to do with it. Our words are very sad these days and the air is not able to breathe at all when we have destroyed our water, forest and land. But spring has arrived. Now is the time to start a new life. Along with the life of technology, the virtual world needs to be seen as far as it is needed. Creating a new life with a new wind in its heritage and wave of words, there is a need to welcome the spring with a new creation in a new sense, because the new wind of life gives way to soar with the freshness of these seasons. In this world filled with the fragrance of nature, a picture of the virtual world is enough that is enough. The real world is in lap of nature and the earth, we might just forget that!

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